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FOR MR. JOHN D. GRAY

153 EAST 82ND STREET

NEW YORK CITY 10028

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CDES (GRAY, DAVID AUGUSTUS)

SUBJ: DEATH OF AMCIT DAVID AUGUSTUS GRAY

I DEEPLY REGRET TO HAVE TO INFORM YOU THAT THE AUSTRALIAN POLICE REPORTED TO AMERICAN CONSULATE, BRISBANE THAT YOUR SON DAVID AUGUSTUS GRAY, BORN 17 JUNE 1948 DIED 13 SEPTEMBER 1975 AT INGLESIDE VIA BURLEIGH HEADS AN ISOLATED AREA FROM GOLD COAST, FROM SELF-ADMINISTERED OVERDOSE NARCOTICS. AUTOPSY MANDATORY. THE FOLLOWING ESTIMATES ARE PROVIDED FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND PLANNING. ESTIMATED COST BURIAL AT SOUTHPORT, AUSTRALIA WHERE YOUR SON IS NOW LOCATED IN GENERAL PUBLIC GRAVE US\$720, PRIVATE LAWN GRAVE US\$735, CREMATION AND LOCAL DISPOSITION US\$685, PREPARATION FOR RETURN U.S. US\$1300, CREMATION AND PREPARATION FOR RETURN TO U.S. US\$708. ESTIMATED COST RETURN PREPARED REMAINS U.S. BY AIR US\$3200. ESTIMATED COST RETURN CREMATED REMAINS U.S. BY AIR US\$708.

YOU MAY WISH TAKE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

1. PLEASE TELEGRAPH INSTRUCTIONS FOR DISPOSITION PROMPTLY AND DIRECTLY TO AMERICAN CONSULATE, BRISBANE. INCLUDE NAME YOUR SON IN YOUR REPLY. STATE WHETHER REQUIRED FUNDS ARE BEING TELEGRAPHED. INCLUDE NAME AND ADDRESS OF FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT IN U.S. IF SHIPMENT DESIRED.

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WM UPON RECEIPT REQUIRED FUNDS, YOUR INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE

CARRIED OUT AS PROMPTLY AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT. ESTIMATED
MINIMUM 4 DAYS FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF FUNDS AND RELEASE OF REMAINS
TO COMPLETE ARRANGEMENT PRIOR TO SHIPMENT. AIRLINE WILL INFORM
U.S. FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT ESTIMATED TIME OF ARRIVAL. UPON
COMPLETION OF ALL FORMALITIES, COPY OF REPORT OF DEATH PREPARED
BY CONSULATE WILL BE SENT YOU.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHETHER YOUR SON WAS A VETERAN
AND HIS SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, IF KNOWN.

PLEASE ACCEPT MY SYMPATHY IN YOUR BEREAVEMENT.

AMCONSUL BRISBANE.

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